

REMARKS

Claims 12 and 21-27, as amended, are present in this application, all of which were allowed or indicated to be allowable in the 07/23/03 Final Action. The foregoing supplemental amendment is now made to eliminate any dependency of these allowable claims on rejected claims and to cancel, without prejudice, the rejected claims.

Entry of the foregoing amendment, and allowance of Claims 12 and 21-27 at an early date, are now respectfully requested.

Since the number of independent claims (6) now exceeds the highest number of independent claims previously paid for (3) by 3, please charge the Claims Fee of \$258.00 for this amendment to our deposit account no. 01-2717.

Respectfully submitted,

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